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Class Action

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Six alumni were honored for their professional success and community involvement by the newspaper Business First at the ninth annual 40 Under Forty Luncheon in Buffalo. The event recognizes 40 Western New Yorkers, all under age 40, for their accomplishments. Among the winning attorneys were:

Julie Bargnesi '87, a partner in the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.* She lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Kathleen Crowley '87, a New York State Family Court hearing examiner for Chautauqua and Wyoming counties. She lives in Buffalo.

Amy Murphy '87, a Tonawanda, N.Y., town councilwoman and district tax attorney for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Murphy resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Steven J. Weiss '91, a partner in the Buffalo law firm *Cannon, Heyman & Weiss, L.L.P.* He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Toinette Randolph '94, assistant district attorney for Erie County, N.Y., in the Felony Trials Bureau. Randolph is a resident of Buffalo.

M. Rogan Morton '97, attorney in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.* Morton is a Grand Island, N.Y., resident.

'20s

Lillian E. Cowan '27 was recognized at the second celebration of the Women in the Law Awards luncheon in Buffalo, in May. The luncheon was sponsored by the Eighth Judicial District Committee on Women, the Bar Association of Erie County and all local and specialty bar associations of the Eighth Judicial District. Cowan, a Kenmore, N.Y., attorney and resident, was honored for her outstanding contributions to the legal profession and community.

'40s

Hon. Frederick M. Marshall '49, New York State Supreme Court judicial hearing officer, Eighth Judicial District, and former administrative judge, has been elected vice chair of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Marshall is a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and is a past recipient of UB Law School's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

George M. Zimmermann '49 is practicing in the Buffalo law firm of *Schop & Pleskow, L.L.P.*, in the areas of corporate and tax law. He is an adjunct associate professor at UB Law School, past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and past president of the Bar Association of Erie County. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

'50s

Hilary P. Bradford '53, of Boston, N.Y., has joined the Buffalo office of *Underberg & Kessler, L.L.P.*, as "of counsel." He was formerly with the Buffalo law firm Cohen Swados Wright Hanifin Bradford & Brett, L.L.P., which dissolved Aug. 31.

Carl A. Green '50 received the 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UB Law Alumni Association at the 39th annual dinner in May. Green, a partner in the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, was honored for his leadership by example as a private practitioner. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and lives in Buffalo.

Hon. John P. Lane '53, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, is a New York State Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Lane was previously a judge for the New York State Court of Claims in Buffalo.

Hon. Ann T. Mikoll '54, retired New York State appellate justice, was honored for her dedication in serving the legal and public sectors at the second Celebration of Women in the Law awards luncheon in Buffalo. Mikoll was the first woman in New York State,

Jack A. Gellman '40 publishes book on Jewish-Christian relations

A lifelong concern about the tensions between Jews and Christians, and 15 years of research, have led to a 208-page book by Jack A. Gellman '40, an attorney who practices in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Called *A Brighter Future After 2,000 Years of Christian Churches vs. Judaism? Why Pope John Paul II Apologizes*, it documents millennia of persecution, says Gellman, who is Jewish.

"This has been well-hidden by the Christians until recently," he says. "Now the pope is apologizing for what the Christian church has been doing from the beginning. There is still anti-Semitism all over the world, all based on what took place over 2,000 years ago."

"Jews are degraded people in the eyes of the world. This book tries to set the record straight for why it has happened. What I am trying to do is reconcile the differences that have sprung up and remedy the situation."

Besides library research, the project involved three trips to Israel to research archaeological discoveries, as well as dozens of interviews with Israeli and U.S. historians.

Gellman and his wife, Florence, established an annual lecture series on interfaith issues, co-sponsored by Niagara University and the Buffalo Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

The book is available online through ivillage.com, barnesandnoble.com and other sources; Gellman says any profits will go to charity.

He says he has received good responses from readers of all faiths, which he attributes to the book's thoroughness. The book has one feature that only a lawyer would have created: It is written not in chapters but in legal briefs, each one raising "The Issue" and "The Answer."

"It is all proven from a lawyer's training," the new author says. "It is all factual. There is no disputing it."

outside of New York City, elected to the New York State Supreme Court. She is also a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Mikoll resides in Depew, N.Y.

John T. Frizzell '55 has joined the firm *Hiscock & Barclay*. Frizzell is of counsel to the firm's litigation department in Buffalo. He will focus his practice on civil litigation, including tort, estate contest and commercial contract matters. Frizzell has been an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association and Empire Mediation and

Arbitration for the past 10 years. He is also past president of the Bar Association of Erie County and the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Frizzell lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Gordon R. Gross '55, senior partner in the Buffalo firm *Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, P.C.*, was recently featured in *Fortune* magazine for his participation in venture capital investing deals. Gross also was a chair for the eighth annual citation banquet of the National Conference for Community and Justice. Gross, a member of the steering committee for The

Campaign for UB Law, lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.

Hon. Vincent E. Doyle '56, administrative judge in the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, discussed a proposal developed to select City Court juries from city resident pools at a seminar hosted by the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Issues arose out of the 1999 Wiggins vs. NFTA and Pyramid Co. trial, in which famed attorney Johnnie L. Cochran was one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the matter. Doyle is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and was the recipient of the Jaecle Award last November, the highest award that the Law School and the Law Alumni Association bestow. He resides in Buffalo.

Herald Price Fahringer '56, a partner in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria*, spoke at Syracuse University's College of Law Sherman F. Levey Distinguished Lawyer Lecture series. The topic of the lecture was "Is There Really Equal Justice for All?" Fahringer practices and resides in New York City.

Hon. Edward O'Connor '56, Alden, N.Y., town justice and managing partner in the Buffalo firm *Bouvier O'Connor*, was named to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates. O'Connor is an Alden, N.Y., resident.

Grace Marie Ange '57, partner in the Buffalo firm *Ange & Ange*, was elected as a member of the nominating committee for the Eighth District of the New York State Bar Association. Ange was also honored by the Eighth Judicial District Committee on Women, the Bar Association of Erie County and local and specialty bar associations of

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Class of '51

The Class of 1951 celebrated its 50-year reunion on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, 2001. The celebration began on Friday evening with an elegant dinner at the Wanakah Country Club in Hamburg, N.Y. Classmates and their guests were treated to a gourmet meal while listening to a strolling violinist who circulated the dining area and played requests.

On Saturday morning classmates regrouped for a tour of the Law School, highlighted by a sneak preview of the new courtroom. At the completion of the tour, classmates made their way to the Center for the Arts, where the class of 1951 was honored as part of the 2001 Law School Commencement ceremonies.

Harvey Rogers served as chair of the reunion committee. Photos of the class reunion will soon be available on the 1951 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site, www.law.buffalo.edu, under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right:

Fred C. Rider, Edward S. Spector, Raymond V. Wylegala, Louis A. Del Cotto, Jacob D. Hyman, Harvey Rogers, Nickolas Zinni, Henry Rose and Francis W. Greune

Second row, left to right:

David S. Reisman, W. Don McCarthy, Philip A. Gellman, Alfred F. Cohen Jr., Luke C. Owens, Henry S. Wick, Burton B. Sarles, Calvin Kallett, Francis B. Pritchard, Hon. Thomas P. McMahon, Edward J. Schwendler Jr., James C. Brown, David Buch, Thomas V. Troy, Charles D. Wallace, Richard N. Blewett and William R. Pfalzer

the Eighth Judicial District at the second Celebration of Women in the Law awards luncheon in Buffalo. Ange is also a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She resides in Buffalo.

Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58 was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. Freedman is the former first woman president of the Bar Association of Erie County and the New York State Bar Association. She is a member of the firm *Coben & Lombardo, P.C.*, handling matrimonial and family law cases in Buffalo. She was also elected as a member-at-large for the New York State Bar Association. Freedman is immediate past president of the New York State Bar Foundation, a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the Distinguished Law Alumna Award for public service. She resides in Buffalo.

Joseph F. Crangle '59, a Buffalo solo practitioner, received the 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award for his commitment to public service at UB Law Alumni Association's 39th annual dinner in May.

'60s

John W. Cegielski '61 made a presentation to the New York State Bar Association in Buffalo on the topic "Discovery: Key to Success at Trial." Cegielski is a partner in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor, L.L.P. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

C. DeForest Cummings Jr. '61 received the Robert Kieballa Memorial Award. Cummings was honored for his notable career as a defense attorney. He was also the



John T. Frizzell '55

moderator of a seminar on jury selection issues hosted by the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Concerns developed out of the 1999 Wiggins vs. NFTA and Pyramid Co. trial, in which famed attorney Johnnie Cochran was one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs and Cummings represented the defendants. Cummings is a partner in the firm O'Shea, Reynolds & Cummings in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Phillip Brothman '62, a partner in the Angola, N.Y., firm *Hurst, Brothman & Yusick* with Andrew Yusick Jr. '73, announced the merger of the firm with the Buffalo firm *Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, P.C.* Hurst, Brothman & Yusick will continue to operate in its Angola office as a division of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan. Brothman, past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John P. Dee '64 was elected to the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center board of directors. Dee is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Coben, Svados, Wright, Hanifin, Bradford & Brett*. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Peter Martin '64 of Buffalo was elected chairman of the Heritage Centers board of directors. Martin is a senior partner in the firm *Bouvier O'Connor*. He practices in the

area of corporate, business and real estate law.

Thomas Webb '64 has opened a private legal practice in Tonawanda, N.Y. He will be concentrating in the area of estates. Webb is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph Forma '65 has been elected to a second New York State Supreme Court term. Forma, first elected in 1986, serves as a State Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo. Forma is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Elma, N.Y.

Michael Swart '66 has become vice president and senior trust officer for *HSBC Bank, USA*, in the trust and investment management department. Swart will handle estate and trust administration and new business development in the bank's Western Division. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Swart is a resident of Buffalo.

Hon. Dale M. Volker '66, a New York State senator, received an honorary degree from his alma mater, Canisius College, at its undergraduate ceremonies on May 20 in Buffalo. Volker has also been appointed to UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. Volker resides in Depew, N.Y.

Carl J. Montante '67, managing director and president of *Uniland Development Co.* in Amherst, N.Y., was honored by the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America as its Scouter Citizen of the Year. Montante is a past recipient of the UB Law Distinguished Alumnus Award for community service. He resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Timothy M. O'Mara '67, a Williamsville, N.Y., attorney, was elected president of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. O'Mara concen-

trates his law practice in the areas of small corporate law, small family business law, estate planning and real estate. He lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.

Michael F. Chelus '68, an Orchard Park, N.Y., resident, authored the chapter "Fire and Property Insurance" in the New York State Bar Association publication *Insurance Law Practice*. Chelus is president and CEO of the Buffalo law firm *Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak, P.C.*

David R. Pfalzgraf '68 was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is a partner in the firm *Renda, Pares & Pfalzgraf* in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Hon. Ralph Boniello III '69, a Niagara County attorney, has been elected as a justice of the New York State Supreme Court's Eighth Judicial District in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Boniello is a Lewiston, N.Y., resident.

Daniel E. Brick '69, partner in the general-practice firm *Brick, Brick & Elmer, P.C.*, has been elected as a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation for his commitment and achievements in the legal profession. Brick, a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association, practices and lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Robert B. Sommerstein '69 and his wife, Lynne, received the Community Service/Volunteerism Award from the Western New York Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice at the 2001 Brother/Sisterhood awards luncheon. Their hard work led to the creation of Yad B'yad, "Hand in Hand," an

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Class of '56

The Class of 1956 celebrated its 45-year reunion on Saturday, May 19, 2001. The celebration began in the morning with a casual reception at the Law School highlighted with a tour and sneak preview of the new courtroom. Festivities continued Saturday evening at Transit Valley Country Club, in East Amherst, N.Y. Classmates enjoyed a gourmet dinner with entertainment during cocktails by Gary Quatrani and a program of Broadway show tunes and light opera after dinner provided by Andrea Todaro and Friends. Spouses of classmates were included in the reunion, and spouses of deceased classmates were invited as guests of the class. As a result, more than 50 classmates and their spouses celebrated this milestone event.

The steering committee for the reunion included the Hon. Joseph D. Mintz, Hon. Vincent E. Doyle Jr., Hon. Joseph S. Mattina, Frank J. Boccio, John J. Carney, Alan H. Levine, Howard L. Meyer II and Evelyn O'Connor. Check out the 1956 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right:

Theodore J. Pyrak,
Hon. Vincent E. Doyle Jr.,
Evelyn O'Connor, Audrey L.
Earl, Hon. Dawn B. Girard,
Hon. Marjorie C. Mix, Hon.
Joseph D. Mintz and Hon.
Joseph S. Mattina

Second row, left to right:

Blase P. Palumbo, John J.
Carney, Howard L. Meyer II,
Gerald W. Miller, Frank J.
Boccio, Paul A. Foley,
Thomas E. O'Brien, Edward
J. O'Connor, Alan H. Levine,
Ross M. Cellino, Michael
Likoudis, William H.
Gorman Jr., Harvey
Mandelkern, Arthur V.
Sabia, Owen F. Mangan and
Gordon M. Grant

organization that advocates for disabled Jewish adults and children. Sommerstein is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Dubin, Sommerstein & Hunter* and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

'70s

Hon. Timothy J. Dwan '70, Lancaster, N.Y., town justice and resident, won two gold medals, a silver and a bronze in swimming at the Empire State Games, held in August 2000 in Binghamton, N.Y.

Judith B. Ittig '71 was honored for her many contributions to the betterment of the community by the UB Law Alumni Association. Ittig received the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award at the 39th annual dinner in May. She is chair of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and a partner in the firm *Ittig & Ittig* in Washington, D.C., where she also resides.

Anthony Nosek '71, an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Cohen & Lombardo, P.C.*, was re-elected chairman of the Heritage-Oak Foundation board of directors. He resides in Lancaster, N.Y.

Peter J. Battaglia '72 has become a partner in the real estate department of the firm *Hiscock & Barclay* in Buffalo. Battaglia concentrates in the area of real property, particularly on the sales and purchases of residential and commercial real estate. He is also a title examiner and an examining counsel for Ticor Title Insurance Co. Battaglia is a former director for the Bar Association of Erie County and the Erie County Bar Foundation. He lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

John Brenon '72, partner in the Williamsville, N.Y., firm *Ward, Brenon, Kelly & Divita*, received the Permanency Planning Award from the Erie County Bar Association

Justice Jacqueline M. Koshian '59 retires

The landscape of the Western New York legal community took an unfamiliar twist late last year with the retirement of State Supreme Court Justice Jacqueline M. Koshian '59.

Koshian was a Niagara Falls city judge for 11 years before she was elected to Supreme Court in 1986. Previously, she had served as a city prosecutor and assistant corporation counsel in Niagara Falls, and as an estate tax attorney for New York State. Before entering public service, she worked in private practice with her husband, the late Varkis Baligian '62.

"We are losing a fine judge who is admired and respected for her knowledge of the law, fairness and commitment to excellence," said Hon. Vincent Doyle '56, administrative judge for the Eighth Judicial District. "Her wisdom and elegance have enhanced the image of the judiciary in Western New York. She will be greatly missed and not easily replaced."

A Democrat, Koshian had the distinction of being the first woman from outside Erie County to be elected to State Supreme Court in the Eighth Judicial District.

Volunteer Lawyers Project. Brenon was honored for his dedication in handling pro bono adoption cases.

Bernard M. Brodsky '72, former counsel in the Resolution Trust Corp. and the FDIC's Professional Liability Section in Washington, D.C., has accepted a position as partner in the firm *Jaekle, Fleischmann & Muegel, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo.

Herbert Greenman '72, senior partner in the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, received the Charles F. Crimi Memorial Outstanding Practitioner Award from the New York State Bar Association. Greenman was honored at the bar association's criminal justice section awards luncheon on Jan. 25. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Arthur Jackson '72 was named secretary of the board of directors of the Niagara Aquarium Foundation. Jackson is a Lockport, N.Y., resident and partner in the firm *Jackson, Balkin & Douglas*.

Allan M. Pinchoff '72 is associate principal of *Cannon*

Design, an architectural, engineering and planning firm on Grand Island, N.Y. He has served as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for the firm. Pinchoff is also an adjunct faculty member in the graduate division of the School of Engineering at UB. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Thomas F. Segalla '72, former partner in the Buffalo firm *Saperston & Day* for 28 years, has started his own firm, *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.*, with **Neil A. Goldberg '73**, in Buffalo. Segalla concentrates his practice in the areas of employment/labor law, insurance coverage, insurance defense, product liability and toxic torts. He also addressed the Defense Research Institute's Insurance Coverage and Practice Seminar in New York City on "The Pro-Active and Reactive Approach to Bad Faith: Specializing in Bad Faith Litigation." Segalla lives in Buffalo.

Paul Comeau '73 was named a judge by the Buffalo and Syracuse offices of *Ernst & Young, L.L.P.*, for its Upstate New York Entrepreneur of the

Year awards contest. Comeau is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, and resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Neil A. Goldberg '73 has formed his own firm, *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.*, with **Thomas F. Segalla '72**, in Buffalo. Goldberg was previously a partner in the Buffalo firm *Saperston & Day* for 27 years. He currently practices in the areas of catastrophic injury, class actions, product liability and professional liability/malpractice. In addition, Goldberg was elected president of the Defense Research Institute. The DRI is the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. He also serves on the board of directors of Lawyers for Civil Justice. Goldberg lives in Eden, N.Y.

George M. Hezel '73, clinical professor at UB Law School, was honored by Heritage Christian Homes for his insight and commitment in establishing a plan, using federal low-income housing tax credits, to help people with developmental disabilities obtain affordable housing. Hezel lives in Getzville, N.Y.

Walter E. Moxham Jr. '73 received the Eastern Niagara Citizen of the Year Award at the annual Eastern Niagara Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and dance on Jan. 20. Moxham, a partner in the Lockport, N.Y., firm *Miskell & Moxham*, was recognized for his volunteerism and community involvement. He was a key organizer of the Lyman Spaulding Fund, which develops individual givers for the United Way in eastern Niagara County, and an organizer of the Wilson Harbor Fest. He lives in Wilson, N.Y.

Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73, presiding justice of the New York State Supreme

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Class of '66

The Class of 1966 celebrated its 35-year reunion on the weekend of April 27 and 28, 2001. The party began Friday night with a welcome cocktail reception at the Genesee Bar and Grill in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. It was a great chance to catch up and renew old friendships.

Dean Nils Olsen joined classmates Saturday morning for a casual reception at the Law School highlighted with a tour and sneak preview of the new courtroom. Festivities continued Saturday evening at The Buffalo Club. Classmates enjoyed a gourmet dinner and were joined by Professor Jacob D. Hyman. Over 30 classmates and their spouses were in attendance to celebrate this milestone event.

The co-chairs for the reunion committee were Courtland R. LaVallee, David G. Jay and Thomas M. Ward. Check out the 1966 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right:

Robert W. Keller, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Mary Ellen Murphy Borja, Thomas M. Ward, Russell Kelleran Jr.

Second row, left to right:

Bob Bolm, Sen. Dale M. Volker, Courtland R. LaVallee, and Joseph E. Zynczak

Third row, left to right:

Karl A. Bohnhoff, Peter M. Kooshoian, and Michael Swart

Fourth row, left to right:

David Jay, Robert L. O'Connell, Thomas Whissel, Marshall L. Cohen, Remy R. Perot, and Roger Aceto

Court Appellate Division, Eighth Judicial District, has been elected as a fellow to the New York Bar Foundation for his dedication and outstanding achievements in law. Pigott is a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Daniel Polowy '73 has been appointed assistant county attorney for Chautauque County, N.Y. Polowy is a resident of Dunkirk, N.Y.

Hon. Rose Sconiers '73, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, was elected presiding member of the New York State Bar Association's Council of Judicial Associations. Sconiers also was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. She is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in Buffalo with her husband, Lester Sconiers '74.

Andrew Yusick Jr. '73 and **Phillip Brothman '62** have announced the merger of their Angola, N.Y., law firm, *Hurst, Brothman & Yusick*, with the Buffalo firm *Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, P.C.* Yusick & Brothman will continue to manage their office in Angola as a division of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan. Yusick is a resident of Angola.

Christopher T. Greene '74 was re-elected to the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter. Greene lives and practices in Buffalo and is a partner in the firm *Damon & Morey, P.C.*

Hon. James A.W. McLeod '74, a Buffalo City Court judge, received the Medgar Evers Civil Rights Award from the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP. McLeod was honored for his more than 25 years of activism and perseverance in the community. He resides in Buffalo.



Supreme Court Justice Joseph G. Makowski '79 supports the Law School

New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph G. Makowski '79 is all business these days – but not too busy to help the Law Alumni Association. A past Association president, he helped us secure the keynote speakers for our New York City luncheons for the past two years: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Makowski has been assigned to the court's Commercial Division for the Eighth Judicial District in Western New York. Sitting in Buffalo, the Commercial Division handles business and commercial disputes where the amount at issue is greater than \$25,000 or involves requests for equitable relief.

"Given that Buffalo is the second-largest city in New York State, there is no shortage of commercial cases," said Makowski. Through the first five months of 2001, the Commercial Division has resolved 307 cases.

"Commercial disputes tend to be complex, both legal and factually," the justice says. "Whether resolved via motion, settlement conference, alternative dispute resolution or at trial, the role of the Commercial Division is to adjudicate commercial disputes as expeditiously and cost effectively as possible."

"Under the auspices of Administrative Justice Vincent Doyle, we are trying to introduce mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution into the Commercial Division. Recently, we trained 26 commercial and business lawyers as mediators. My hope is that counsel representing parties in commercial disputes will view mediation and other forms of ADR as a viable means to resolve their matters."

Makowski says his UB Law School training in commercial transactions, corporations, agency, legal negotiations and tax have served him well in his new assignment. So has his legal experience, including six years at a private firm doing general civil and commercial litigation, then 14 years as general counsel to Computer Task Group Inc., a Buffalo-based information technology services company.

Dianne Bennett '75, partner and president of the Buffalo-based law firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, co-chaired the Pan-Am Women's Leadership Conference's "Women and Law: Human Rights for Women – A Pan-American Dialogue" in Buffalo in May. Bennett was also appointed to the editorial board of a new journal, *Employee Benefits, Compensation and Pension Law*, published by the Legal Scholarship Network, and the Distinguished Article Review Board of the 2000-01 *Law Practice Management Magazine* Edge Awards. Bennett is a resident of Buffalo.

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes '75, a U.S. Court of Appeals justice, 3rd Circuit, received the Trailblazer Award at the Students of Color Recognition Dinner on April 6 at UB Law School. Justice Fuentes was the keynote speaker at UB Law's commencement this year. He is a resident of Caldwell, N.J.

James D. Gauthier '75 received the John E. Leach Memorial Award from the New York State Bar Association in recognition of his dedication and assistance to the torts, insurance and compensation law section of the State Bar. Gauthier is a senior partner in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.* He is also a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Arthur A. Herdzik '75 served as a state chair of the seminar "The Basics of Discovery in New York: Statutes, Case Law and Practical Pointers," presented by the New York State Bar Association. Herdzik is a partner in the Buffalo law firm *Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak, P.C.*, and is a past chair of the Bar Association of Erie County Negligence Committee. He resides in Lancaster, N.Y.

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To Richard J. Wenig '83 and Lorraine Wenig, a daughter, Rachel Renee, on March 7, 2001, in Binghamton, N.Y.

To Andrew Isenberg '92 and Jennifer Isenberg, a son, Aaron Zachary, on Feb. 14, 2001, in Williamsville, N.Y.

To Gerald Schaffer '93 and Natalie Schaffer '93, a son, Jacob Charles, on June 9, 2001, in Hamburg, N.Y.

To David Fensterstock '94 and Dale Fensterstock, a daughter, Skylar Paula, on Jan. 29, 2001, in Great Neck, N.Y.

To Melissa Lin Klemens '94 and Daniel John Klemens Jr., a son, Bradley Steven, on Sept. 9, 2000, in Gaithersburg, Md.

To Bridget Cullen Mandikos '94 and Dr. Michael N. Mandikos, a son, Nicholas Cullen, on Oct. 28, 2000, in Chelmer, Queensland, Australia

To Thomas Rhee '97 and Elan Rhee, a son, Jacob Stephen, on Sept. 9, 2000, in Marietta, Ga.

Harry F. Mooney '75 addressed the Canadian Litigation Council's annual meeting on "Emerging Issues in U.S. Products Liability Law." Mooney is a senior member in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.* He practices in the areas of product liability, professional liability, and large loss and catastrophic injury litigation. Mooney lives in Getzville, N.Y.

Lawrence Zimmerman '75 has become a partner and co-chair of the real estate tax/condemnation/valuation litigation practice group in the firm *Hiscock & Barclay, LLP*, in the Albany, N.Y., office. Zimmerman handles real property tax reduction and general commercial litigation matters. He lives in Delmar, N.Y.

Douglas Coppola '75 was appointed to the advisory board of the Wyoming County, N.Y., Bank. Coppola is a Buffalo resident and partner in the firm *Rodgers & Coppola, LLP*. He is a former president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Diane F. Bosse '76, partner in the Buffalo firm *Volgenau & Bosse*, received the Award of Merit at the 114th annual dinner of the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo. Bosse was appointed chair of the New York State Board of Law Examiners and is the first woman and youngest attorney ever appointed chair. Bosse is a member of the board of trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners and chairs its education committee. She is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Patrick J. Brown '76, partner in the Buffalo firm *LoTempio & Brown, P.C.*, was named one of the directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Brown lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Jane F. Clemens '76, of Eden, N.Y., has joined the Buffalo office of *Underberg & Kessler LLP* as a partner. She was formerly with the Buffalo law firm *Cohen Swados Wright Hanifin Bradford &*

Brett LLP, which dissolved Aug. 31.

Hon. James H. Dillon '76 has been re-elected to a second 10-year term as Erie County Family Court judge. Dillon resides in Lake View, N.Y.

Cheryl Smith Fisher '76, partner in the Buffalo firm *Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, LLP*, received the John N. Walsh Jr. Board Appreciation Award from Child and Family Services. She was honored for her volunteerism and dedication as a board member for Child and Family Services. Fisher resides in Buffalo.

Sue S. Gardner '76, a Buffalo resident and partner in the firm *Kavinoky & Cook, LLP*, received the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society's Red Jacket Medal for community service. Gardner is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past director of the Bar Association of Erie County.

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Sr. '76 was appointed acting New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Kloch will serve as a state Court of Claims justice. A North Tonawanda, N.Y., resident, he was previously a city judge.

Joseph A. Matteliano '76, partner in the Buffalo firm *Davis, Augello, Matteliano & Gersten*, was elected president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. He lives in Buffalo.

Gary Muldoon '76, a Rochester, N.Y., solo practitioner, recently co-authored the book *Criminal Law in New York*. The book analyzes New York State's penal law. Muldoon specializes in criminal litigation and previously co-authored the book *Handling a Criminal Case in New York*.

Phyllis K. Slesinger '76 was appointed general counsel and staff vice president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, in Washington, D.C. Slesinger is in charge of the association's legal affairs and is involved with policy development and management of the government affairs group. She lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

Barry R. Fertel '77 has become a partner in the New York City firm *Goetz, Fitzpatrick, Most & Bruckman, LLP*. Fertel lives in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Margaret Gryko '77, assistant general counsel at Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo, was elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Gryko is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Mary Dee Martoche '77 has been named chair of the executive committee for the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross. Martoche is principal court attorney in Erie County Surrogate's Court. She lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Patrick H. NeMoyer '77, New York State Supreme Court justice, was honored by members of the bench and bar of Erie County, N.Y., at a gathering on Jan. 25. NeMoyer was recognized for his exceptional service and contributions in helping establish the commercial division of New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District. NeMoyer lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mary Engler Roche '77, partner in the Buffalo firm *Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler*, was elected a director of Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York. Roche is a Buffalo resident.

William F. Shields '77 has recently been appointed assistant executive director, in addition to general counsel, at the American College of Radiology in Reston, Va. Shields oversees legal, government, corporate, public and human relations. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

Hon. Paul Volcy '77 has become a Buffalo City Court judge. Volcy was previously an assistant attorney general concentrating on medical malpractice and personal injury cases brought against the state and its employees. He is a founding member of Western New York Hispanics and Friends Civic Association and is a past recipient of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association's Excellence in Trial Technique Award. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Vincent Agnello '78 has been appointed interim dean of Niagara University's College of Business Administration in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He is chair of the department of accounting and associate professor of law at the university. He lives in Youngstown, N.Y.

Thomas Burton '78, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was a keynote speaker at the Erie Community College nursing department senior class pinning ceremony on Dec. 4, 2000. Burton, an ECC board member, resides in West Clarence, N.Y.

Hon. Kenneth L. Gartner '78, district court judge in Nassau County, N.Y., has been named chairman of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct. He has also been appointed to the Brief Writing Competition Committee of Scribes, the American Association of Writers on Legal Subjects. Gartner resides in Merrick, N.Y., with his wife, **Michele Lipa Gartner '80**.



Peter J. Battaglia '72

Steven Gerber '78, managing partner of the Wayne, N.J., firm *Gerber & Samson, L.L.C.*, has been appointed chair of the Defense Research Institute (the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers). Gerber also serves as Master of the Bench of the Sidney Reitman Employment Law Inn of the Court (the first Inn of the Court in the United States dedicated to training employment law litigators). A member of the board of directors and vice president of governmental affairs of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Gerber was a moderator of its business seminar "Preventing Sexual Harassment Claims in the Workplace." Gerber lives in Wayne, N.J.

Garry M. Graber '78, immediate past president of the Bar Association of Erie County and partner in the firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, has been elected to the New York Bar Foundation as a fellow for his accomplishments and service in the legal profession. Graber, a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Daniel Hartman '78 has formed the firm *Hartman & Ridall, P.C.*, with **Barbara Ridall '84**. The Buffalo firm handles civil and commercial litigation, bankruptcy,

collections, family law, real estate transactions, development of corporations, probate of wills and estates and non-felony criminal matters. Hartman is a resident of Buffalo.

Jane Mago '78 was appointed general counsel in the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. Mago was previously deputy chief of the Enforcement Bureau. She resides in McLean, Va.

Kathleen Mehlretter '78, first assistant U.S. attorney and criminal chief for the U.S. attorney's office for the Western District of New York, has been named interim U.S. attorney for the district. She also received the Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award from Mount Mercy Academy in Buffalo. Mehlretter is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Robert Sawicki '78 has been appointed assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. He will be working in the grand jury bureau. Sawicki lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Thomas W. Bender '79, partner in the firm *Lawrence & Bender* in Buffalo, was named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. He resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Hon. Christopher J. Burns '79 has been appointed a justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Buffalo, by Gov. George E. Pataki. Burns, formerly justice of the Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Christ Gaetanos '79 addressed the Tax and Future of the Lawyer sections of the International Association of Lawyers at its annual conference in Buenos Aires,

Argentina. Gaetanos, partner in the Buffalo firm *Amigone, Sanchez, Mattrey & Marshall, L.L.P.*, submitted a paper titled "The Taxation of Magic (Redux)," regarding the international income and VAT taxation of e-commerce transactions. He lives in Buffalo.

Ronald Hager '79, a Buffalo attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services, addressed the 38th annual conference on Learning Disabilities, held in New York City from Feb. 7 to 10. Hager discussed the funding of assistive technology for students with learning disabilities. He also gave a presentation at the Disability Law Update Conference in May, in Albany, N.Y., on the topic "Special Education for Students With Disabilities." In addition, he addressed the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems in Washington, D.C., in June. Hager lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Gary M. Kanaley '79 was elected treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Photiadis, L.L.P.* Kanaley lives in Lake View, N.Y.

Dan D. Kohane '79, senior partner in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.*, spoke at a seminar in Washington, D.C., on legal risks in e-business and technology. His topic was "Directors and Officers Policies: Relief for the e-Business Executive." Kohane lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Joseph G. Makowski '79 was honored by the Western New York Matrimonial Trial Lawyers with the 2000 Judge of the Year Award. Makowski is a New York State Supreme Court justice in the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo. He is also a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association. He resides in Buffalo.

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Class of '71

The Class of 1971 celebrated its 30-year reunion on Saturday, May 19, 2001. The reunion began in the morning with a casual reception at the Law School highlighted with a tour and sneak preview of the new working courtroom. Festivities continued Saturday evening at The Saturn Club. Classmates enjoyed a gourmet dinner and were entertained with live music by Gary Smith.

The co-chairs for the reunion committee were Paul V. Hurley, Wayne I. Freid and Gregory Stamm. Check out the 1971 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right:

Robert M. Goldstein, Peter J. Burke, Frederick R. Gugino, Paul V. Hurley, Jay W. Ricketts, and Johnathan D. Estoff

Second row, left to right:

David M. Chiarolanza, Stephen F. Pusatier, and Eric A. Peterson

Third row, left to right:

Florence Burton Thompson, Rose Ellen Jacobsohn

Fourth row, left to right:

Wayne I. Freid, Joseph R. Glownia, and Greg Stamm

Fifth row, left to right: Jerome D. Delaney and Anthony M. Nosek

Hon. Douglas W. Marky '79, Aurora, N.Y., town justice and partner in the East Aurora law firm *Hall Ricketts, Marky & Gurbicki*, was named to the advisory board of the Wyoming County, N.Y., Bank.

Hon. Frederick J. Marshall '79, an Erie County legislator, has accepted the position of New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Marshall is an East Aurora, N.Y., resident.

Paul Suozzi '79 was planning chair for the New York State Bar Association continuing legal education program, "Suing and Defending Municipalities: Law, Procedure and Ethics." He is also chair of the association's Municipal Law Committee. Suozzi is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.*, and past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

'80s

Richard G. Abbott '80, partner in the firm *Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarman* in Kenmore, N.Y., was voted "Best Lawyer in Kenmore" in a recent survey conducted by the *Kenmore Record Advertiser*. Abbott lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Richard J. Barnes '80, of Orchard Park, N.Y., was elected vice president/president-elect of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Barnes is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Morris, Cantor, Barnes & Goodman*.

James K. Dady '80 was honored by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project with the V.I.P. Award for his willingness to devote his time to handling pro bono child support cases. Dady works at the *Erie County, N.Y., Department of Social Services Office of*



James D. Gauthier '75



Cheryl Smith Fisher '76

General Counsel. Dady lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

Michele Lipa Gartner '80, an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School, has become counsel in the law firm of *Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.*, in Mineola, N.Y. Her practice concentrates in the areas of civil litigation and appellate practice. Gartner resides in Merrick, N.Y., with her husband, **Hon. Kenneth L. Gartner '78**.

Robert B. Hallborg '80 presented a paper at a national Conference on Crime, Punishment and Responsibility at Oklahoma State University. Hallborg is a staff appeals attorney at the *Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo*. He resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Barbara Howe '80, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial

District, received the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award for her conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. Howe was honored at the UB Law Alumni Association's 39th annual dinner in May. She is a past president and member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in Buffalo.

Charles Martorana '80 was named a director of the Rotary Club of Buffalo. Martorana is a partner in the firm *Hiscock & Barclay* in Buffalo, where he resides.

Karen Mathews '80 was named assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. Mathews has been assigned to the special investigations/prosecution bureau. She lives in Buffalo.

Michael M. Mohun '80 has been elected as a fellow to the New York Bar Foundation for his outstanding endeavors and dedication in the legal field. Mohun practices and lives in Cowlesville, N.Y.

Hon. Michael A. Battle '81, Erie County, N.Y., Family Court judge, was honored by the Western New York Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice for his civic leadership in the legal field. Battle is president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association, an adviser to the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and was elected an officer of Leadership Buffalo. He resides in Buffalo.

Hon. Amy J. Fricano '81, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, was honored by Everywoman Opportunity Center at its 17th annual awards dinner in May. Fricano, a director of the UB Law Alumni Association, is a resident of Lockport, N.Y.

Dr. Ross T. Runfola '81 has been selected for the 2001 edition of *Who's Who in America* for his contributions

to society and his accomplishments in law, education, journalism and poetry. Runfola was also recently named to the City of Buffalo Commission on Citizens Rights and Community Relations. In addition, he has also been named to the Eighth Judicial District Commission on Increasing Racial Diversity in the Courts. Runfola is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Stegel, Kelleher & Kahn*. He resides in Buffalo.

Richard Binko '82, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has been named president-elect of the New York State Trial Lawyers Western Region affiliate for 2002. Binko is a Buffalo resident.

David E. Eagan '82, a Wainscott, N.Y., resident, has accepted the position of partner in the New York City firm *Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.* Eagan handles mergers and acquisitions, cross-border and domestic corporate finance and securities law matters at the firm.

John P. Feroletto '82, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has been nominated national co-chair of the ATLA PAC, a nonpartisan political action committee of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He also recently served as a faculty member for the New York State Trial Lawyers Institute at the seminar "Going or Staying Solo." Feroletto is a resident of Buffalo.

Leo G. Finucane '82 has formed an association with the firm Rood and Associates, P.C., to establish the firm *Finucane and Hartzell, L.L.P.*, in Fairport, N.Y. The firm will handle cases involving civil and criminal litigation, matrimonial and family law, real estate, wills, estates and small business consulting. Finucane is a Pittsford, N.Y., resident.

Brian Lewandowski '82, senior partner in the Williams, N.Y., firm

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Lewandowski & Associates, was appointed to the board of directors of the Southeast Foundation. The foundation is a sub-entity of the Southeast Community Work Center. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Denise E. O'Donnell '82 ended her term as U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York as the subject of a gala farewell tribute on June 12. She has joined the Buffalo-based law firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, as a partner in the Business Litigation Practice Group. In addition, O'Donnell has been appointed vice chair of the attorney general's advisory committee. A director of the UB Law Alumni Association, she lives in Buffalo.

David J. Pajak '82, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has also been appointed assistant Genesee County attorney. He will be involved with in-house defense functions. Pajak is a resident of Corfu, N.Y.

Ralph W. Peters '82 has joined the San Diego County, Calif., firm of *Anderson & Kriger*, working out of the offices in Riverside and Temecula, Calif. The firm is one of Southern California's few full-service construction defect and homeowners association law firms. Peters is also editor of the San Diego Defense Lawyers Association's quarterly publication, *The Update*, and is also an instructor with the San Diego Inns of Court, teaching courses in trial technique and evidence. He lives in Rancho Penasquitos, Calif.

Cheryl A. Possenti '82, a Clarence, N.Y., resident, is an attorney in the recently formed Buffalo firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.* She handles cases involving appellate advocacy, class actions, health care/medical, insurance defense, product liability/malpractice and public-sector law. Possenti was previously an attorney in the firm *Saperston & Day* in Buffalo.



Dan D. Kohane '79

Andrea Schillaci '82 has been promoted from senior associate to partner in the Buffalo law firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.* Schillaci concentrates her practice in civil litigation matters, including commercial and environmental litigation. She lives in Buffalo.

David R. Addelman '83 and **Michael Marszalkowski '83** are partners in the Buffalo firm *Addelman and Marszalkowski*. Their firm received the Small Law Firm Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project for their dedication in assisting with pro bono cases. Addelman concentrates in matrimonial law, and Marszalkowski practices immigration law. Both Addelman and Marszalkowski reside in Williamsville, N.Y.

Lynn A. Clarke '83, treasurer of the UB Law Alumni Association, has been appointed local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. In the past, Clarke chaired the chapter's awards committee. She has also been appointed to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. Clarke, a confidential law clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice John A. Michalek, lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mark P. Della Posta '83 was elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. He is an attorney in the firm *Walsh, Roberts & Grace* in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Joyce E. Funda '83 has been appointed by the Office of Court Administration as special counsel and executive assistant to Hon. Jacqueline Silbermann, administrative judge for matrimonial affairs in New York State. Funda lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Robert A. Klump '83, a member of the tax practice group in the Buffalo-based firm *Jaecle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P.*, was named a partner. Klump's area of expertise is federal and state employment taxes, estate tax and estate litigation. He is also an adjunct professor, teaching constitutional law, at Canisius College in Buffalo and is also on the board of directors of the Amherst, N.Y., Symphony Orchestra. Klump is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Robert J. Lane Jr. '83, partner in the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, has been named co-chair of the firm's business litigation practice group. Lane practices in the area of commercial and business-related litigation. Lane is also on the board of arbitrators for both the American Arbitration Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers. He is a resident of Lake View, N.Y.

Cynthia E. Lockler '83 was named corporate counsel in the Buffalo company *International Motion Control*. Lockler was previously counsel for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority for 15 years. She is a Buffalo resident.

Linda J. Nenni '83, vice president and general coun-

sel of Kaleida Health, was honored by the UB Law Alumni Association at its 39th annual dinner in May. She received the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award for her exemplary performance in business. Nenni is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She works and lives in Buffalo.

Brian Welsh '83, partner in the Buffalo firm *Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn*, was awarded the V.I.P. Award by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project for devoting his time in assisting with divorce and family court cases. Welsh lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Richard J. Wenig '83 was appointed administrative attorney for the Binghamton, Oneonta and Elmira, N.Y., offices of the *New York State Mental Hygiene Legal Service*. The three offices represent clients in 10 Central New York counties. Wenig is a resident of Binghamton, N.Y.

Gerald J. Whalen '83 recently became a partner in the litigation department of the Buffalo office of *Hiscock & Barclay*, specializing in civil litigation, handling plaintiff and defense cases. Whalen has also taught courses on American government at Canisius College in Buffalo. He is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Ellen G. Yost '83 received the Immigration Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. Yost founded the Immigration Activation Project, which provides representation to immigrants and those who may be detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. She also co-chaired the Pan-Am Women's Leadership Conference's "Women and Law: Human Rights for Women - A Pan-American Dialogue" in May in Buffalo. Yost is

managing attorney and principal in the international business immigration firm *Fragomen, DelRey, Bernsen and Loewy, P.C.*, in the Buffalo and Brussels, Belgium, offices. Yost is a resident of Buffalo.

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri Jr. '83 has been appointed co-chair of the business litigation practice group in the firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Zuffranieri, partner in the firm, specializes in civil litigation matters, including general business construction and cross-border litigation. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Michael Arnold '84, a Fairport, N.Y., resident and partner in the firm *Place & Arnold*, has been appointed town justice by the Perinton, N.Y., Town Board. Arnold is a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee through the federal court system in Western New York and is the village attorney in Mount Morris, N.Y. He is also vice president of the Fairport Merchants Association.

John P. Freedenberg '84 is an attorney in the newly created Buffalo firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.* He practices in the areas of catastrophic and personal injury and product liability. Freedenberg, formerly an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Saperston & Day*, lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Michael L. Hanuszczak '84 has been elected a Family Court judge in Onondaga County, N.Y. Formerly special counsel to the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, Hanuszczak is now the youngest Family Court judge serving in Onondaga County. He resides in Syracuse, N.Y., with his wife, Mona, and their four children.

Patrick J. Higgins '84, has joined the Albany N.Y. law firm *Powers & Santola, L.L.P.* where he concentrates his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, complex tort litigation, trial prac-



Denise E. O'Donnell '82

tice and environmental law. He resides in Albany, N.Y.

Daniel Joyce '84 was elected treasurer of the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Joyce is a partner in the firm *Hirsch & Joyce* in Amherst, N.Y., where he also resides.

Robert E. Knoer '84 has opened his own firm, *Knoer & Crawford, L.L.P.*, with **Robert A. Crawford Jr. '87**, in Buffalo. The firm specializes in environmental, personal injury and corporate law. Knoer lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

David P. Marcus '84 has joined the Buffalo firm *Webster Szanyi, L.L.P.*, as special counsel. He will practice in the areas of product liability, commercial litigation and discrimination law. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

J. Timothy Payne '84 has been promoted to vice president of the North American Legal Markets Business Development for LexisNexis in Miamisburg, Ohio. He will be responsible for evaluation, negotiation and execution of all business development opportunities, including acquisitions, alliances and licenses.

Erin M. Peradotto '84 has been elected as a member of the nominating committee for the Eighth District of the New York State Bar Association.

She is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Volgeneau & Bosse*. Peradotto is a Buffalo resident.

Barbara Ridall '84 and Daniel Hartman '78 have created the Buffalo firm *Hartman & Ridall, P.C.* The practice handles civil and commercial litigation, bankruptcy, collections, family law, real estate transactions, development of corporations, probate of wills and estates and non-felony criminal matters. Ridall lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Mark Sacha '84 has been named deputy district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. He supervises DWI, narcotics, sex crimes, domestic violence, special investigations and welfare fraud. Sacha, an assistant district attorney for 13 years, is a Cheektowaga, N.Y., resident.

Anne Carberry Southard '84 was named principal attorney in the Buffalo office of the State of New York Mental Hygiene Legal Services. Southard is a Buffalo resident.

Linda Lalli Stark '84, a resident of Eggertsville, N.Y., was named principal law clerk to Hon. John P. Lane, Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Stark previously was a matrimonial referee for the Supreme Court.

David Werth '84 has become a partner in *Ernst & Young, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Werth has been working in the tax department and was a senior manager for sales use tax practices. He lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Jill Bond '85 was elected to a three-year term as director of the Niagara Aquarium Foundation. Bond is deputy general counsel at *Rich Products Corp.* in Buffalo. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Robert C. Figliola '85 has been appointed an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. He will be working in the Justice Courts bureau. Figliola lives in Buffalo.

Laurie Frank '85 has accepted the position of assistant district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. Frank resides in Buffalo.

Marc Garber '85 has joined the Atlanta firm *Alston & Bird*. Garber, formerly a federal prosecutor, now practices in the areas of white-collar criminal defense, health care fraud and abuse. He lives in Marietta, Ga.

Ira R. Hecht '85 has accepted a new position as partner in the New York City law firm *McGuire Woods, L.L.P.* Hecht is co-chairman of the New York Internet and technology practice group. He is a resident of Plainview, N.Y.

John T. Kolaga '85, partner in the environmental practice group of the Buffalo-based law firm *Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P.*, was designated as chairman of the Niagara Frontier Section of the Air and Waste Management Association. Kolaga lives in Buffalo.

Susan Schultz Laluk '85 was named media committee co-chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys board. She is a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., firm *Boylan, Brown, Code, Fowler, Vigdor & Wilson, L.L.P.* She resides in Fairport, N.Y.

Michelle C. Lombino '85 has accepted a partnership in the Arizona firm *Gust Rosenfeld*. She practices in business law, including contracts, leases, real estate, lending and bankruptcy. Lombino lives in Phoenix.

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Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

Scott S. Oakley '82 and Judith Frank, *June 5, 1999*

Alan P. McCracken '83 and Kathryn S. Herr, *July 22, 2001*

Raul Rodriguez '86 and Margaret Westwood, *May 26, 2001*

Donald J. Harris '88 and Margaret Winfield, *March 17, 1999*

Lisa Strain '88 and Fred Paine, *March 26, 2001*

Heidi S. Geib '90 and Bryan L. Brooks, *June 17, 2000*

David J. Quinn '91 and Anne Marie Siwa, *Oct. 28, 2000*

Ryan L. Gellman '93 and Dr. Wendy Ilene Snyder, *Sept. 16, 2000*

Richard L. Holstein '93 and Erin Margaret Hoelscher, *Sept. 16, 2000*

Michael Radjavitch '93 and Joy Trotter '94, *Oct. 7, 2000*

Therese A. Hopkins '94 and Richard J. Cich, *Nov. 4, 2000*

Kelly L. Ball '95 and Mark T. Pcioneck, *Aug. 3, 2001*

Christin E. Horsley '95 and Henry L. Borger, *Sept. 23, 2000*

D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97 and Rachel M. Vacanti, *July 14, 2001*

Robert A. Scalione '97 and Julie A. Vogt, *Sept. 16, 2000*

Todd J. Genovese '98 and Amy Szal, *March 31, 2001*

Jennifer L. Long '98 and David P. Siwiec, *Oct. 7, 2000*

Jennifer L. Noah '98 and Daniel J. Mania, *May 26, 2001*

Jon Purizhansky '98 and Kira Hertsberg, *July 2, 2000*

Danielle Lenahan '99 and Paul P. Fanning Jr., *Oct. 6, 2000*

Colleen Farrell '00 and Greg Colby, *Nov. 11, 2000*

Michelle McKee '00 and James Edward Cubbon, *July 13, 2001*

Brian D. Ritter '00 and Joy A. Sullivan, *Sept. 30, 2000*

Robert W. Stradtman '00 and Jennifer Anne Dahl, *Sept. 2, 2000*

Todd Joseph Pignataro '01 and Charity Ann Vogel, *June 24, 2001*

Barbara Piazza '85 has been elected to the Child & Family Services board of directors in Buffalo. Piazza is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Offerman, Cassano, Greco & Slisz*, where she practices in matrimonial and family law. She lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Lisa Bloch Rodwin '85 was honored with the Joan A. Levine Award at the WomanFocus dinner in June. Rodwin is the bureau chief in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Stephen Schop '85, partner in the Buffalo firm *Schop & Pleskov*, was appointed to the Wyoming County, N.Y., Bank's advisory board. Schop lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Steven R. Sugarman '85 and his wife, **Judith M. Gerber '84**, conducted a 25-hour basic mediation training for personnel from Catholic Charities, the Department of Social Services and Family Court. Sugarman also conducted a two-day training on custody and visitation mediation with the Dispute Settlement Center of the Better Business Bureau. In addition, he has achieved "practitioner member" status from the Academy of Family Mediators. He is a family law attorney and partner in the Buffalo firm *Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarman*. Sugarman and Gerber reside in Amherst, N.Y.

Alberto Manuel Benítez '86 was promoted to full professor of clinical law at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

Hon. Diane Y. Devlin '86 has been appointed a Buffalo City Court judge. Devlin previously served as the chief administrative law judge and director of the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication for the City of Buffalo, where she also resides.

John Mineo '86 has taken the position of vice president, general counsel for *Tops Markets, L.L.C.* (based in Williamsville, N.Y.) and *Giant Food Stores, L.L.C.* (based in Carlyle, Pa.). Mineo lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Tearah Grace Mullins '86 has accepted the position of confidential law clerk to Hon. Rose Sconiers, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Mullins resides in Buffalo.

Terry Richman '86, partner in the Rochester firm *Underberg & Kessler, L.L.P.*, was named membership committee co-chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys board. Richman resides in Webster, N.Y.

Melinda R. Saran '86, associate dean for student services at UB Law School, was named president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Saran is a past secretary and former state director, as well as past chair of the chapter's judiciary committee. She resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Robert A. Crawford Jr. '87 has joined with **Robert E. Knoer '84** to form *Knoer & Crawford, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. The firm will handle environmental, personal injury and corporate matters. Crawford is a Buffalo resident.

John Fromen '87, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed to the board of directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association Western Region affiliate. Fromen is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Brett Gilbert '87, a New York City resident, has left the practice of criminal defense law to become associate director of career services at Brooklyn Law School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Robert A. Goldstein '87 has joined the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, as

an associate. Goldstein will concentrate his practice on workers' compensation benefit claims and Social Security disability law. Goldstein lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Roseanne Johnson '87, an assistant district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo, has been named assistant chief of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Bureau. She lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

David Platt '87 is partner in the Hartford, Conn., firm *Murtha Cullina, L.L.P.* Platt practices in the area of environmental and land conservation law. He is a resident of Higganum, Conn.

Hon. John Rowley '87 was elected Tompkins County judge for Tompkins County Court in Ithaca, N.Y., where he also resides. Rowley was formerly Ithaca city judge for five years and opened the Ithaca City Drug Court Program.

Hugh M. Russ III '87, partner in the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, was elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Russ practices in the areas of insurance coverage litigation, personal injury and employment discrimination. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Richard T. Saraf '87 concentrates his practice in the areas of catastrophic injury, insurance defense, personal injury and product liability. He recently began practicing in the newly established firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Saraf is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Hon. Donna Siwek '87, former law clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice David Mahoney, was elected for a 14-year term as a New York State Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial



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District in Buffalo. Siwek also received the 2000 Citizen of the Year Award in the law category from the *Am-Pol Eagle*, a weekly newspaper that covers the Polish-American community in Western New York. She is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and lives in Buffalo.

Diane Straube '87, a family unit attorney with *Neighborhood Legal Services* in Buffalo, was reappointed chairperson of the Bar Association of Erie County Family Court Practice and Procedure Committee. Straube is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Nora B. Sullivan '87, vice president of *Citibank Private Bank* in Buffalo and Chappaqua, N.Y., was named to the board of directors of International Motion Control, which specializes in motion-control technologies.

John Weinholtz '87, a Getzville, N.Y., resident, has become partner in the firm *Nixon, Peabody, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Weinholtz is a member of the litigation department and specializes in the areas of product liability defense, chemical exposure and complex tort cases.

Richard R. Amico '88, partner in the Buffalo firm *Lewis & Lewis, P.C.*, has been elected president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association Western Region

affiliate. Amico, a trial lawyer, focuses his practice on the representation of injured workers. He lives in Buffalo.

Mark Brand '88, partner in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.*, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Brand is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association, and a former president of the GOLD Group. He lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Lt. Col. Louis A. Chiarella '88 has become a senior attorney in the general counsel's office of the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. He will be working in the procurement law section resolving bid protests involving the award of federal government contracts. Chiarella was previously in the Army JAG Corps for 13 years and will continue to stay in the reserves as an instructor with the contract law department of the Army JAG School. He resides in Greenwood, Va.

Maria I. Doti '88 has taken a new position as the principal law clerk to Hon. Paula J. Omansky in the New York State Supreme Court, First Judicial District, in Manhattan. Doti is a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sophie I. Feal '88 spoke at a panel discussion at the Pan-Am Women's Leadership Conference's "Human Rights for Women - A Pan-American Dialogue" in Buffalo. The panel discussion addressed U.S. immigration policy and the detention of women and children. Feal lives in Buffalo.

Donald J. Harris '88 has opened his own firm, *Harris & Winfield, L.L.P.*, in Raleigh, N.C. He practices in civil and commercial litigation and lives in New Hill, N.C.

Lawrence S. Lane '88, a solo practitioner in West

Seneca, N.Y., received the Solo Practitioner Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has donated his time to handle cases involving bankruptcies, divorce, child support, mortgage foreclosure and Social Security disability.

Lisa Paine '88 was appointed principal attorney to head the agency law office for the New York State Mental Hygiene Legal Service in Utica, N.Y., where she also resides.

Forrest Strauss '88 was promoted from associate counsel to principal staff attorney at the New York State Grievance Committee for the Ninth District in White Plains, N.Y. Strauss, his wife, Karen, and their two children live in Orange County, N.Y.

Judith Voit '88, a Kenmore, N.Y., attorney, was elected to the Food Shuttle of Western New York board of directors. The volunteer organization delivers food to shelters and soup kitchens in the community.

Jean-Marie Waldman '88 is an accountant in the West Orange, N.J., accounting firm *Frankel & Topche, P.C.* Waldman is also a resident of West Orange.

Roger W. Wilcox Jr. '88 has been named partner in the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.* Wilcox specializes his practice in the areas of criminal law, constitutional and First Amendment law. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Robert L. Boreanaz '89 has recently become a senior partner in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Boreanaz will concentrate his practice in the areas of union or employee side labor law, benefit funds and criminal defense. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

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Class of '81

The Class of 1981 celebrated its 20-year reunion on the weekend of June 1 and 2, 2001. The festivities began Friday night with a casual cocktail reception at the Law School featuring a tour and sneak preview of the new working courtroom. The party then continued at Rooties where pizza and Buffalo chicken wings were enjoyed until the small hours of the morning.

A number of classmates spent Saturday afternoon enjoying a leisurely game of golf at Glen Oak Country Club. The highlight of the weekend was a formal dinner Saturday night at The Saturn Club. Classmates enjoyed a gourmet dinner and were entertained with live jazz performed by national recording star Jeff Jarvis and his Quartet. The appearance of the Jeff Jarvis Quartet was generously underwritten by Doug Johnston's Syracuse law firm, Mackenzie Hughes LLP. Fifty classmates and their spouses were in attendance to share this milestone event.

The steering committee for the reunion was Hon. Lawrence Friedman, Gary R. Gaffney, Douglas C. Johnston, Anthony Scime, Chris G. Trapp, Therese Rahill Wincott and Terri A. Zionts. Check out the 1981 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right: Larry Friedman, Robert P. Siegel, Melanie L. Cyganowski, Larry P. Malfitano, Mary J. Fabey, Terri A. Zionts, Chris G. Trapp, Gary R. Gaffney, Josanne A. Greco, Leslie Wolffe Berkovits, Renee Lapidés Klaperman, Elyse Lubin Gilman, Hector L. Santiago, and Robert B. Simon

Second row, left to right: Timothy W. DeJohn, Betsy Broder, Jean Doerr, Mark Berkovits, Michael I. Chakansky, Peggy M. Fabric, Edward C. Northwood, Tim Gick, and Robert B. Behnke

Third row, left to right: Douglas C. Johnston, Mitchell S. Lustig, Nancy Caple Johnston, Lou Marino, Anthony J. Scime, Dorie Benesh Refling, Theresa Rahill Wincott, Dale J. Clark, and Eric M. Cabalan

Richard J. Cohen '89

practices in the newly formed firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.* He specializes in the areas of insurance coverage and extra-contractual liability, appellate advocacy, insurance defense and products liability. Cohen was formerly an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Saperston & Day*. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Barry Nelson Covert '89

has become a senior partner in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Covert specializes his practice in the areas of New York State and federal criminal trials, appeals and constitutional law. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

William Ilecki '89, partner in the Tonawanda, N.Y., firm *Hurwitz, Frankel & Ilecki*, received the Divorce Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has been honored for his commitment to volunteering his time to handle pro bono divorce cases. Ilecki is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Donna M. Pollman '89 is practicing in real estate and corporate law. She has taken a position as an associate in the firm *Schop & Pleskow, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where she resides.

Diane Tiveron '89, a Lockport, N.Y., resident, was appointed to the board of directors of the Southeast Foundation. The foundation is a sub-entity of Southeast Community Work Center. Tiveron is an attorney in the Amherst, N.Y., firm *Hogan & Willig, P.L.L.C.*

'90s

Ian A. Bradford '90 of Holland, N.Y., has joined the Buffalo office of *Underberg & Kessler LLP* as a partner. He was formerly with the Buffalo law firm *Cohen*



Hon. Michael L. Hanuszczak '84



John T. Kolaga '85

Swados Wright Hanifin Bradford & Brett, L.L.P., which dissolved Aug. 31.

Kathleen Burr '90, formerly an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Saperston & Day*, is now practicing in the new firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Burr works with cases involving insurance defense, toxic torts and municipal law. She lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Michael J. Curtis '90 has accepted a position as partner in the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.* Curtis, a member of the firm's litigation department, will concentrate his practice in the areas of personal injury, products liability, toxic tort and environmental law, with an emphasis on asbestos litigation. He lives in Lewiston, N.Y.

Sara Faherty '90, a Buffalo resident and instructor of research and writing at UB

Law School, was honored at the Law School's Students of Color Recognition Dinner on April 6. Faherty received the Jacob D. Hyman Outstanding Faculty Award.

James R. Grasso '90, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, was one of several directors appointed to the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council board. He was also named to the St. Mary's School for the Deaf board of trustees. Grasso is a partner in the Buffalo-based firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo.

Ginger D. Schroder '90, currently vice president of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, has been named treasurer of the association. Schroder, an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Buchanan, Ingersoll, P.C.*, practicing in the labor and employment group, is past president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association and is also a bridge course instructor at UB Law School. She resides in Buffalo.

Ellen Swartz Simpson '90 was named deputy treasurer/treasurer-elect of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Simpson is a partner in the firm *Simpson, Simpson & Snyder, L.L.P.*, in Williamsville, N.Y., where she resides.

Lisa Stidham '90, an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C.*, was named secretary to the American Lung Association of Western New York executive board. Stidham is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Kevin T. Stocker '90 has become a partner in the Williamsville, N.Y., firm *Felle, Stocker & Margulis*. The firm handles cases involving divorce/separation, real estate, wills and estates, employment, personal injury, criminal and civil litigation. Stocker lives in Buffalo.

Sean Beiter '91 has been appointed to the board of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Beiter, a former Eagle Scout, is a partner in the Buffalo-based firm *Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugal, L.L.P.* He is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Daniel Majchrzak Jr. '91 has become an associate in the Buffalo firm *Colucci & Gallaher, P.C.* Majchrzak, formerly an assistant district attorney, resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Lizabeth A. Martin '91 has accepted a position as an attorney in the business division in the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.* Martin will practice in the area of immigration law. She lives in Buffalo.

Cecile Mathis-Dorlaie '91, residing and practicing in Buffalo, was re-elected chair of the Housing Opportunities Made Equal board of directors. She is an attorney at *Pratcher & Associates*.

Loretta F. Smith '91 practices in the area of intellectual property. She has recently accepted a position as an associate in the business and finance department of the firm *Drinker, Biddle & Reath, L.L.P.*, in Philadelphia.

Steven J. Weiss '91, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has become a partner in the new firm *Cannon, Heyman & Weiss, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Weiss specializes his practice in the areas of affordable, senior and multifamily housing and corporate finance transactions. Weiss is a member of the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law and the New York State Bar Association Committee on Affordable Housing, and is a director of the City of Buffalo Neighborhood Revitalization Corp.

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Catherine Cerulli '92, a clinical instructor at UB Law School, and her husband, **Christopher Thomas '91**, both received the Restore the Hope Award at the annual meeting of Alternatives for Battered Women. The couple was honored for their commitment to stopping domestic violence and promoting peace in the community. Cerulli also received the New York State Bar Association's 2001 Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Cerulli has been a pioneer in the prevention of domestic violence and co-founded the Domestic Violence Law Clinic at UB Law School. The couple resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Thomas P. Cunningham '92 has become a partner in the firm *Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningham, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. He concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury defense litigation and insurance coverage disputes. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Ira S. Levy '92 has opened his own law firm in White Plains, N.Y. He will practice in the areas of real property taxation and assessment issues. Levy is also tax certiorari counsel to *Murphy, Stecich & Powell, L.L.P.*, and to *Snyder & Snyder*, both in Tarrytown, N.Y. Levy and his wife, Maggie, reside in White Plains, N.Y.

Russell J. Matuszak '92 has accepted the position of corporate secretary and general counsel to Barrister Global Services Network. Matuszak was formerly with the firm *Cavanaugh & Matuszak*, where he focused on corporate, real estate and bankruptcy law. He lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Gregory Pajak '92 spoke at the Buffalo Claims Association's 10th annual Education Seminar Day. He discussed the topic "Automobile Insur-



Robert L. Boreanaz '89



Michael J. Curtis '90

ance: Priority of Coverage." Pajak is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Chelius, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak, P.C.* He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Kenneth Sodaro '92 was elected vice president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Sodaro is assistant general counsel for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Buffalo and is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

Suzanne Taylor '92, a Buffalo attorney, was elected to the Park School board of trustees. In addition, Taylor is a morning co-host on sports radio station 107.7 FM, a columnist for *WNY Hockey Magazine* and sports editor for *Buffalo Beat*. She also received the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project pro bono award, the Attorney of the Morning Award, for her commitment to volunteerism. She previously

won this award in 1995 and 1998.

Preston L. Zarlock '92 was named a partner in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he is also a resident. Zarlock focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability and insurance coverage law.

Amilcar Antonio Barreto '93, assistant professor at Northeastern University in Boston, has written his second book, *The Politics of Language in Puerto Rico*. Barreto lives in Boston, Mass.

Robert L. Bencini '93 has become a partner in the Buffalo firm *Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Photiadis, L.L.P.* Bencini is a resident of Buffalo.

Jennifer Demert '93, attorney in the Buffalo-based firm *Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugal, L.L.P.*, received the 2001 Pathfinder Award from *Business First* newspaper. Demert was honored for her work with the Law Magnet Program at Bennett High School in Buffalo. She is a founding member of Jaekle, Fleischmann's partnership program with Bennett. Demert also is a graduating member of the Board Governance Project for Women, which is sponsored by the volunteer center of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Demert resides in Buffalo.

Elizabeth Dobosiewicz '93, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, was appointed secretary of the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Dobosiewicz is an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugal, L.L.P.*, practicing immigration law in the firm's international trade practice group.

Laura S. Dudley '93, formerly with the Buffalo firm

Damon & Morey, L.L.P., is now human resources director of the Buffalo Public Schools. She lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Eric A. Fitzgerald '93 was one of three attorneys from the firm *Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin* who presented the program "Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Twenty-First Century: In the Courts and Beyond" to members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society. Fitzgerald, an associate in the Philadelphia office, discussed Internet mediation vendors and tips for using them. He was also elected second vice president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the CPCU Society. Fitzgerald lives in Harleysville, Pa.

Michael R. Moore '93 is vice president of business and legal affairs at *Barpoint.com* in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Moore lives in Lighthouse Point, Fla.

Lisa M. Mueller '93, associate director of alumni and communications at UB Law School, has been named local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Mueller is also chair of the chapter's newsletter committee. She lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Richard E. Scrimale '93 has become a partner in the firm *Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Lawler & Burstein, P.C.* His practice focuses on corporate and business law, taxation, mergers and acquisitions and estate planning. Scrimale practices and lives in Syracuse, N.Y., with his wife, Roseanne, and two children.

Rhonda Weir '93 has opened a general-practice law firm in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she also resides.

Denis J. Bastible '94 is a partner in the firm *Cellino & Barnes, P.C.*, in Rochester.

N.Y., where he is also a resident. Bastible practices in the area of plaintiff's personal injury, medical malpractice and labor law litigation.

Martha R. Buyer '94 was appointed to the board of directors of the Society of Telecommunications Consultants. Buyer, an East Aurora, N.Y., resident and attorney, practices in the area of telecommunications law. She also writes a legal column in the monthly trade magazine *Computer Telephony*.

Michelle A. Crew '94 received the Special Service Award presented by the Bar Association of Erie County at its 114th annual dinner. Crew and **Susan Etu Eagan '96** were coordinators of the bar association's Lawyers for Learning Program at Buffalo's School 18. Crew practices in the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.*, and lives in Middleport, N.Y.

Guy C. Giancarlo '94 is a senior associate in the Buffalo office of *Hiscock & Barclay, L.L.P.* He practices in the areas of general business and corporate law, commercial litigation and public finance. Giancarlo resides in Snyder, N.Y.

David E. Gutowski '94 is an associate practicing in business litigation and intellectual property law. He has joined the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.*, and will work with corporate and business clients in cases involving general contract litigation, Uniform Commercial Code litigation, intellectual property and debtor/creditor matters. Gutowski lives in Buffalo.

Constantine Karides '94 has been promoted to senior associate in the New York City firm *Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly, L.L.P.* Karides is a resident of New York City.

Melissa Lin Klemens '94, attorney and adjunct assistant professor in the paralegal studies department at the University of Maryland's



Sean Beiter '91



Guy C. Giancarlo '94

University College, was awarded the Teaching Recognition Award for the 1999-2000 academic year. Klemens lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Cathy Lovejoy Maloney '94, previously a labor relations coordinator with Genesee Valley BOCES, has rejoined the Buffalo law firm *Bond, Schoeneck & King, L.L.P.* Maloney will practice in the labor and employment law department. She lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Lynn M. Montante '94 is an associate in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Montante will concentrate her practice on plaintiff claims in the personal injury department. She is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

John M. Munro '94 has joined the Rochester, N.Y., firm *Gallo & Iacovangelo, L.L.P.*, as an associate. Munro

will practice in the litigation department, specializing in personal injury, municipal law, police liability and criminal defense. He lives in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Sharon Nosenchuck '94, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, recently addressed the Buffalo AFL-CIO at the United Way. She discussed programs and services that can be utilized when an individual loses his job. Nosenchuck is a family law attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services in Buffalo.

Bruce Reinoso '94, a partner in the Buffalo firm *Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, L.L.P.*, was elected president of the board of directors of Network in Aging of Western New York. Reinoso practices in the areas of health law, estate planning and elder law. He resides in Buffalo.

Brette McWhorter Sember '94 is a former attorney turned freelance writer. Sember is the author of five self-help law books, including the recently published *Tenants' Rights in New York*. Sember lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Rolando Velasquez '94 has become an associate in the Buffalo firm *Serotte Reich & Seipp, L.L.P.* He will be practicing in the area of immigration law. Velasquez is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Alessandra Zorogniotti '94 has taken a position as assistant corporation counsel in the office of collective bargaining for the New York City corporation counsel. Zorogniotti is a resident of New York City.

Mindy J. Birman '95, assistant district attorney in the Bronx district attorney's office, has accepted an additional position as an adjunct professor. Birman is teaching Business Law I & II at Lehman College, Bronx, N.Y.

Paul Joyce '95 has joined the Buffalo firm *Cohucci & Gallaber, P.C.*, as an associate. Joyce was previously practicing in Falls Church, Va., and now resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Jay C. Pletcher '95, a disability law specialist in the Buffalo firm *Bouvier, O'Connor*, addressed school district representatives in February about discrimination, liability and litigation issues that school districts deal with. Pletcher also spoke to parents at North Forest Elementary School in Williamsville, N.Y., about laws pertaining to special education and legal issues pertaining to attention deficit disorder. The meeting was organized by a volunteer organization, ADDRESS, dedicated to raising awareness about ADD and related issues. Pletcher is a Buffalo resident.

Jill Tuholski '95 was elected treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. She is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Lipak, L.L.P.* Tuholski lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Emily Leach Downing '96, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, has been elected secretary of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association Western Region affiliate. Downing is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Lewis & Lewis, P.C.*

Susan Etu Eagan '96 was honored at the Bar Association of Erie County's 114th annual dinner in May. Eagan and **Michelle A. Crew '94** coordinated the bar association's Lawyers for Learning Program at Buffalo's School 18. Eagan is an assistant district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo and is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni GOLD Group. She is a Buffalo resident.

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Class of '91

Members of the Class of 1991 were summoned to celebrate their 10-year reunion on Saturday, April 28, 2001. Each classmate was "served" through the mail with a humorous summons from the Class of 1991 and Reunions-R-Us Inc. to appear at the reunion or, upon default, risk rescission of all records of their attendance at UB Law School!

The celebration began Saturday morning with a casual reception at the Law School that featured a tour and sneak preview of the new working courtroom. The highlight of the weekend was a formal dinner held Saturday night at the Butler Mansion. Classmates enjoyed a gourmet dinner and were entertained with a live jazz combo. Over 70 classmates and their spouses were in attendance to share this milestone event.

The chair of the Reunion Committee for life is Rodger P. Doyle and the steering committee was Cecile D. Dorlaie, Anthony L. Eugeni, Sally B. Logan, Elizabeth A. Martin, Margot L. Watt and Steven J. Weiss. Check out the 1991 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

Front row, left to right:

Dave W. Koplas, Gerry W. Schaffer Jr., Mark L. Annunziata, Dudley M. Bertram, Suzanne Sullivan, Cindy Storer-Simpson, Kathleen M. Reilly, and Bob P. Heary

Second row, left to

right: Betsy (Mumm) Bergen, Andy N. Madrid, John M. Walsh, and Daniel Chung

Third row, left to

right: Joseph R. Bergen, Margot L. Watt, Elizabeth Martin, and John N. Reinhardt

Fourth row, left to

right: Sibby W. Fasanello, Hilda Ramos, and Kenneth A. Schagrin

Fifth row, left to right:

Rachel M. Kane, Sam A. Miserendino

Sixth row, left to right:

Rodger P. Doyle, Maurine J. Berens, Paul W. Sharratt, and Laurice A. Gbougasian

Seventh row, left to

right: Christopher C. Willett, Joy Feldman, Michele R. Driscoll, Ella L. Krzanowicz, MaryEllen Kresse

Eighth row, left to

right: Mark S. Aquino, Shawn P. Black, and Mary Ellen Gianturco

Ninth row, left to

right: Kevin S. Doyle, Jonathan G. Johnsen, Francis C. Amendola, and Cecile Dorlaie

Tenth row, left to

right: Anthony L. Eugeni, Christopher P. Dirr, Mary Beth Cullinan, and William J. Greener

Eleventh row, left to

right: Allen D. Friedman, Bernie P. Salamone, Amy Press Friedman, Adele A. Sullivan, M. Mark Howden, Sally B. Logan, and Steve Weiss

Julia A. Hall '96, a Buffalo attorney and resident, co-chaired the Pan-Am Women's Leadership Conference's "Women and Law: Human Rights for Women - A Pan-American Dialogue" in Buffalo in May. The conference dealt with issues regarding women's leadership, human rights law, economic empowerment and health.

Tracy Kachur '96 has joined the law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. as an associate. She resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Sheri L. Keeling '96 has been appointed president-elect and state delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Keeling, a Buffalo resident and associate in the firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.*, practices in the area of litigation.

Darren Longo '96 is assistant attorney general in the New York State attorney general's office in Rochester, N.Y. Longo lives in Churchville, N.Y.

Dianna L. Ramos '96 has been elected treasurer of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Ramos, past chair of the chapter's Judiciary Committee, practices in the areas of personal injury and workers' compensation in the firm *Lewis & Lewis, P.C.*, in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Maria R. Rosciglione '96 has accepted a new position as an immigration specialist in the Office of International Student and Scholar Affairs at UB. Rosciglione was a former attorney for *Kavinoky & Cook, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where she also lives.

Adam M. Ruben '96 accepted a position with the firm *Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon & Vitek* in San Diego, Calif., where he also resides. Ruben specializes in white-collar criminal defense cases. He previously worked



Lynn M. Montante '94



Phyliss A. Hafner '97

for four years with Federal Defenders of San Diego.

Jeffrey J. Weiss '96 has become an associate in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.* His area of practice is insurance defense litigation. Weiss is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Jason Yots '96 was elected president of the New Millennium Group of Western New York. Yots is an associate attorney in the firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Claudette Antholzner '97 practices as an associate in the Buffalo firm *Jeffrey Freedman Attorneys at Law*. She handles bankruptcy, Social Security disability and consumer matters. Antholzner is a resident of Lockport, N.Y.

Laurel E. Baum '97 accepted a position as an associate in the law firm *Hancock Estabrook, L.L.P.*, in

Syracuse, N.Y. Practicing in health care law, Baum has also been a registered nurse since 1981. She resides in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Leslie Craig '97, practicing in the area of civil litigation, has been named an associate in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.* Previously with the Syracuse firm *Bond, Schoenck & King, L.L.P.*, Craig now resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

William Dresnack '97, associate professor at SUNY College at Brockport, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dresnack resides in Brockport, N.Y.

Lenora Foote '97 was appointed assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo Law Department. Foote is a Buffalo resident.

Phyliss A. Hafner '97 is an attorney in the recently formed firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Hafner deals with matters involving professional liability, no-fault, premises liability and general insurance defense. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Melissa Hancock Nickson '97, an associate in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.*, was named state delegate for the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Nickson is also CLE coordinator of the association and a past local director. She lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

David Luzon '97 has become an associate dealing with matters involving estates, wills and trusts. Luzon joined the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Anne M. Peterson '97 conducted a contract negotiation workshop at the Graduate Medical/Dental Education Consortium of Buffalo's third annual Physi-

cian Career Day. Peterson, an attorney in the firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.*, practices in the areas of business, health care and employment law. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Leslie Platt '97, a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., has accepted the position of director of the New York City company *Public Service Law Network Worldwide*. PS Law Net is an online service that connects lawyers and law students with pro bono opportunities.

Andrew T. Radack '97 is practicing as an associate in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo. Radack concentrates his practice in the areas of matrimonial and family law. He lives in Silver Creek, N.Y.

Karen E. Richardson '97, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, is the state delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association and the chair of the chapter's legislative committee. Richardson practices in health care and products liability litigation as an associate in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo.

D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97 has joined the Buffalo firm *Webster Szanyi, L.L.P.*, as an associate. He will concentrate his practice in the area of litigation. Roberts is a Buffalo resident.

Jeffrey Charles Stravino '97 has become an associate in the dispute resolution division's general litigation practice group in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.* He also serves on the board of directors and as an alumni interviewer of the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Western New York. Stravino lives in Buffalo.

Susan Van Gelder '97, a Buffalo resident, has accepted a position in the recently created Buffalo firm *Goldberg Segalla, L.L.P.* Formerly an

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Class of '96

The class of 1996 celebrated its five-year reunion on Saturday, May 19, 2001. This was the first time a class has officially started its reunions at the five-year milestone, and classmates said it was a great success.

The celebration began Saturday morning with a reception at the Law School featuring a tour and sneak preview of the new working courtroom. The highlight of the weekend was a casual party Saturday night at La Luna Club. Classmates enjoyed an open bar, delicious buffet dinner and dancing to the beat of the deejay mix. Over 35 classmates and their spouses were in attendance to begin this new tradition.

Co-chairs of the Reunion Committee were Hilary C. Banker, Emily Leach Downing and Dianna L. Ramos. Check out the 1996 Class Home Page on the Law School Web site www.law.buffalo.edu under Alumni and Giving.

First row, left to right:

Emily L. Downing, Jennifer L. Worrall, Fernando M. Leal, Hilary C. Banker, Kari Anderson, Tracy Ann Kachur, Jennifer Tenebruso-Lockemeyer, and Noemi Fernandez

Second row, left to right:

Michael R. McAndrew, Teresa Brophy Bair, Sheba Rourke Veeder, Jenifer Scalisi, Michelle M. Radecki, Elizabeth A. Wjasow, Dianna L. Ramos and David Rodriguez

Third row, left to right:

Harvey F. Siegel, Thomas M. Mercure, Shawn W. Carey, Susan Etu Eagan, Brian M. Melber, Andrew J. Freedman and James W. Grable

attorney in the firm *Saperston & Day*, she concentrates her practice in the areas of product liability, toxic torts and insurance defense. Van Gelder is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni GOLD Group.

Elizabeth R. Wright '97 was re-elected for a second term as secretary of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of New York. Wright is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Bouvier, O'Connor*. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Young Wook Kim '97 is practicing in the areas of patent and trademark law with *Y.S. Chang & Associates* in Seoul, Korea, where he also resides.

Jonathan S. Beane '98 is an associate in New York City for *PricewaterhouseCoopers* in the tax and legal services department. Beane received a LL.M. degree in taxation at Georgetown University Law School and was a member of the Black Law Students Association. He is a resident of New York City.

Jeremy J. Best '98 is as an associate in the firm *Proskauer Rose, L.L.P.*, in New York City, where he also resides. He practices in the litigation department.

Jennifer DeCarli '98, domestic violence legal coordinator in the Rochester, N.Y., not-for-profit law firm *Greater Upstate Law Project*, has received the Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She was also named program committee co-chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys' board. DeCarli is a former clinic instructor in the Family Violence Clinic at UB Law School and former staff member at Southern Tier Legal Services. She lives in Rochester, N.Y.



Laurel E. Baum '97



David G. Reed '99

D. Christopher Decker '98 has accepted a position as ombudsperson legal adviser in Europe for the *Organization for Security & Cooperation* in Kosovo. Decker lives in Prizren, Kosovo.

Eric Gray '98 has accepted an offer to join the New York City investment bank *Credit Suisse First Boston* as an associate in the Global Industries Group. He currently resides in New York City.

Denise E. Grey '98 is an ERISA attorney in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm *Blitman & King, L.L.P.* She received a LL.M. degree in taxation from Boston University School of Law and was a Black Law Students Association member.

Bernard Hurwitz '98 has become an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., firm *Nixon Peabody, L.L.P.* Hurwitz will

practice in the higher education/not-for-profit practice group. He lives in Rochester.

Nelson Mar '98 is a staff attorney for Bronx Legal Services. He practices in the areas of education law and Social Security disability. Mar was co-counsel on the federal overtime wage claim against Donna Karan International. He lives in Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Julie Meyer '98 was named a court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Rochester, N.Y. She is also president of the board of directors of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce. Meyer is a Rochester resident.

Cecily Molak '98 has been named a judicial evaluation committee co-chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys' board. Molak is executive director of the *Legal Connection*, a not-for-profit corporation providing referrals and legal information to low-income residents. She is also on the Monroe County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee. Molak lives in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Shawn O'Buckley '98 is a tax and securities attorney with *Great West Life Insurance and Annuity* in Denver, where he also resides.

James T. Ritzel '98 is the author of the newly released *Canadian Tax Guide*, published by CCH Canada. The guide discusses income tax issues facing Canadians and U.S. citizens living in Canada. Ritzel is an attorney in the firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Kim Shaffer '98 has accepted a position as associate general counsel at *Celltech-Medeva* in Rochester, N.Y., where she is a resident.

Elaine M. Spaul '98 is executive director of the *Center for Youth Services* in Rochester, N.Y. Formerly an attorney in the law office of *Nixon Peabody, L.L.P.*, Spaul is a Rochester resident.

Richard L. Stark '98 has become an associate in the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.* Stark, formerly a legal intern in the New York State Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District, will practice in the litigation department. Stark is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Heath J. Szymczak '98 recently became an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Jaekle, Fleischmann & Muegel, L.L.P.* He will work in the area of litigation. Szymczak lives in Java Center, N.Y.

Carl F. Toppin Jr. '98 is a tax attorney in the New York City firm *Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P.* Toppin also received a LL.M. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law and was a Black Law Students Association member.

Michael C. Veruto '98 was appointed deputy chief clerk in Niagara County Surrogate's Court in Lockport, N.Y. He recently presented a seminar on guardianship issues at the New York State Chief Clerks Conference in Westchester, N.Y. Veruto lives in East Amherst, N.Y., with his wife, **Lisa J. Allen '90**, and their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth.

Kimberly Balthaser '99 was awarded the Haven House Project Award by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project for her pro bono work. She volunteered to provide counsel and advice for targets of domestic violence. Balthaser has since accepted a position in the law firm *Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, L.L.P.*, in Chicago, where she currently resides.

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Marc Brown '99 has joined the Rochester office of *Harter, Secrest & Emery* as an associate attorney after working as an attorney for the Appellate Division Fourth Department. He resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Patricia Costanzo '99 joined the law firm *Simpson, Simpson & Snyder* as an associate. The firm specializes in intellectual property law. Costanzo is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

Jennifer K. Dorrer '99 resides and practices in Warsaw, N.Y. She has recently joined the firm *Smallwood, Cook & Schmieder*, where she will concentrate on general legal and criminal matters.

Randal T. Evans '99 has joined the Phoenix, Ariz., firm *Steptoe & Johnson*. Evans will be an associate in the business solutions group, concentrating in the areas of tax law and business transactions. He lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Lisa R. Johnson '99 practices in the area of immigration law and business transactions. She has recently accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo firm *Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, L.L.P.* Johnson resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Russell Klein '99 has accepted a position in the Denver firm *Castle, Barrett, Daffin & Frappier, L.L.C.*, as an associate. Klein will focus in the areas of real estate and bankruptcy. He lives in Boulder, Colo.

Amy Martoche '99 has accepted a position in Washington, D.C., in the firm *Dewey Ballantine* as an associate. Martoche will practice in the area of international trade litigation. She resides in Washington.

David G. Reed '99 has joined the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.*



Melissa Hancock Nickson '97

Concentrating his practice in the areas of corporate and securities law, Reed is an associate in the firm. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Shannon Herron Schleif '99 is an assistant county attorney for the Westchester County attorney's office in White Plains, N.Y. Schleif lives in Hawthorne, N.Y.

Roseanne J. Shaw '99 practices as an associate in the areas of corporate law, commercial loan finance and commercial/residential real estate in the Buffalo firm *Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, L.L.P.* Shaw was recently named local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Christopher A. Wightman '99, formerly an associate in the firm *Damon & Morey, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, has recently accepted a position as associate counsel for Vanguard Group in Malvern, Pa. Wightman now resides in Frazer, Pa.

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Gino Agostinelli '00 heads the asset recovery group in the firm *Forsyth, Howe, O'Dwyer, Kalb & Murphy, P.C.*, in Rochester, N.Y., where he also resides. Agostinelli recently joined the firm as an associate.

James Appler III '00 practices in the area of auto defense. He is an associate in the firm *Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak* in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Michael Arcesi '00 is an associate in the firm *Friedlander & Friedlander* in Waverly, N.Y., where he also lives. He is specializing in the area of serious personal injury.

Scott Bernard '00 has joined the Buffalo firm *Dempsey & Dempsey*. He will practice in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice and product liability. Bernard lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Alexander Billias '00 has accepted a position in the Orlando, Fla., firm *Morgan, Colling and Gilbert*. He practices in the area of first party claims. Billias lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Wynn Bowman '00 is a housing attorney for *Monroe County Legal Assistance* in Rochester, N.Y., where he also resides.

Elizabeth Brace '00 has become a court attorney for the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, N.Y. Brace is a resident of Menands, N.Y.

Kevin Brach '00 lives and practices in Cleveland. He is an associate in the firm *Reminger & Reminger* and concentrates on general and insurance liability defense matters.

Elizabeth Byrne '00 is a court attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y. Byrne is working in the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, 2nd Department. She lives in Forest Hills, N.Y.

Irene Chiu '00 is an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.* She practices in the areas of general business and international law. Chiu is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni GOLD

Group. She lives in Buffalo.

Alice Choi '00 is practicing intellectual property law in the Rochester, N.Y., office of the firm *Nixon Peabody, L.L.P.* Choi resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Amod Choudhary '00 has accepted a position as an associate in the New York City firm *Clifford, Chance, Rogers & Wells*, concentrating in the area of patent law. He resides in Lakewood, N.J.

Samantha Crane '00 is a staff attorney for *Mental Hygiene Legal Services* in Rochester, N.Y. Crane resides in Fairport, N.Y.

Karen S. Danahy '00 has taken a position as an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.* Danahy will concentrate in the area of civil litigation. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Sgt. Daniel DeFedericis '00 has been elected union president of the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers. DeFedericis is the first Western New Yorker elected to the position in recent times. Formerly residing in Amherst, N.Y., he now resides in Albany, N.Y.

Jorge DeRosas '00 is an associate in the firm *Bowrier, O'Connor* in Buffalo, where he is also a resident. DeRosas specializes in municipal, labor and education law.

Peter J. Dewind '00 is a legal aid attorney for Broome and Chenango counties, N.Y. He resides in Endicott, N.Y.

Anthony Elia '00 is an associate in the *Randolph Law Offices* in Tonawanda, N.Y. Elia practices in the area of publishing law. He lives in Buffalo.

Sharon Entress '00 has joined the staff at the *University at Buffalo Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth* as a researcher. She lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Richard Fowler '00 is the director of institutional advancement at *Harley School* in Rochester, N.Y. Fowler is a resident of Brighton, N.Y.

Eric Friedhaber '00 is a law clerk in the Buffalo firm *Reden & O'Donnell*. Friedhaber lives in South Wales, N.Y.

Adam Fumarola '00 has accepted a position as an associate in the Pittsburgh, Pa., firm *Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, L.L.P.* Fumarola concentrates his practice in the area of corporate law. He lives in Carnegie, Pa.

Lauren A. Gauthier '00 is working as a law clerk in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.* She is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Thomas G. Glynn '00 is a law clerk in the firm *Doran & Murphy, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Rafael O. Gomez '00 is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Bouvier, O'Connor, L.L.P.* Gomez will practice in the litigation department. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Clare M. Goodwin '00 accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Shapiro & DiCaro* in Rochester, N.Y., where she also resides.

Alexandra Grimm '00 is assistant counsel in the legal department of *Met Life* in New York City, where she also resides.

Clare Haar '00 is CEO of *Intercommunity Memorial Hospital* in Newfane, N.Y. Haar lives in Buffalo.

Vincent A. Hemming '00 is an immigration inspector for the *U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service* in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He resides in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Zaira E. Juarez, Ph.D. '00, is an associate in the New York City law firm *Fish & Neave*. Juarez concentrates in the area of intellectual property-patent law. She is a



Tara N. Kamble '00



Matthew T. Kerwin '00

New York City resident.

Tara N. Kamble '00 practices in the areas of trusts and estates in the Buffalo office of *Hiscock & Barclay*. Kamble, an associate, will be involved with estate planning and administration. She is a resident of Fredonia, N.Y.

Lori Karelus '00 practices in the real estate department as an associate in the firm *Nixon, Peabody* in Rochester, N.Y., where she also lives.

David P. Kelly '00 has accepted a fellowship in the Youth Advocacy Center at Covenant House in Newark, N.J. Kelly resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Matthew Kerwin '00 resides and practices in Syracuse, N.Y. Kerwin is an associate in the firm *Hiscock & Barclay*, concentrating in the areas of environmental and municipal law.

Michelle Kline '00 is a case law editor for *LexisNexis*. Kline lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Jane Kwiatkowski '00 is a features reporter for *The Buffalo News*. She lives in Buffalo.

William R.J. LaRonde '00 is a resident of New Bern, N.C., where he also practices family law.

Patrick J. Long '00 is an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Hodgson Russ, L.L.P.* Long, a member of the insurance defense practice group, focuses his practice in the area of litigation, specializing in torts, product liability, personal injury and insurance defense. Long is a resident of Getzville, N.Y.

Whitney McKenna '00 is an associate in the Albany, N.Y., office of the firm *Hiscock & Barclay, L.L.P.* McKenna works in the financial services department, focusing in the area of municipal finance law. She lives in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Joel A. McMahon '00 has accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo-based firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P.* McMahon will practice in the area of commercial law. He resides in Buffalo.

Christopher W. McMaster '00 resides and practices in North Tonawanda, N.Y. He joined the firm *Brick, Brick & Elmer* as an associate and will practice in the area of general law.

Patricia A. Mitalski '00 has accepted a position as a real estate specialist for the New York State Department of Transportation real estate division. She lives in Newfane, N.Y.

Robert G. Murray '00 has joined the Buffalo firm *Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugal, L.L.P.*, as an associate. Murray will practice in the areas of tax law and employee benefits. He lives in Buffalo.

Ruth Newman '00 practices in Williamsville, N.Y. She joined the *Law Office of Victoria D'Angelo* as an associate specializing in the areas of wills, trusts, estates and real estate. She lives in Buffalo.

Timothy Palmer '00 has accepted a position as an associate in the Pittsburgh, Pa., firm *Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, L.L.P.* Palmer will practice in the area of corporate law. He lives in Pittsburgh.

Kelly Philips '00 has accepted a new position as associate in the law firm of *Hamberger & Weiss* in Buffalo. Philips will practice in the areas of workers' compensation insurance carriers and self-insured employers in the defense of workers' comp-related matters. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Kelly Pickering '00 is a law clerk in Niagara County Family Court in Lockport, N.Y. She is a resident of North Tonawanda, N.Y.

David Polak '00 is a law clerk in the Kenmore, N.Y., firm *Bartlo, Hettler & Weiss*. Polak is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

Sonal Rana '00 is an Americorps attorney for the *Monroe County Legal Assistance Corp.* She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Stephanie Craig Reagan '00 is a law clerk for the U.S. District Court in Syracuse, N.Y., where she also resides.

Christopher B. Reich '00 of Williamsville, N.Y., has become associated with the Buffalo firm *Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter, L.L.P.* Reich will represent businesses, their owners and executives.

Nicole Roberts '00 is a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Buffalo, where she also resides.

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In Memoriam

The Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following friends and alumni/ae:

Joseph Laufer, Professor of Law, 1957–1978, Sarasota, Florida

Henry Jadd '26, Getzville, New York

Gordon Gannon Sr. '30, Hamburg, New York

Joseph A. Nicosia '30, Buffalo, New York

Robert L. Wilson '34, Buffalo, New York

Walter Brock '39, Buffalo, New York

George J. Saab '41, Buffalo, New York

Norman Stewart '41, East Concord, New York

Marie B. Keeler '42, Chula Vista, California

James A. Garvey Sr. '49, East Aurora, New York

Samuel A. Magistrale '49, Cheektowaga, New York

Ramsi Tick '49, Buffalo, New York

William Sims '50, Buffalo, New York

Ferdinand F. DiBartolo Jr. '52, Clarence, New York

Richard A. Slominski '52, Cheektowaga, New York

Kevin Paul Maloney '54, Snyder, New York

Theodore H. Schell '54, Pendleton, New York

Robert M. Murphy '56, Amberst, New York

Richard C. Wagner '56, Amberst, New York

William J. Casilio Sr. '61, Williamsville, New York

C. Russell Kelleran '65, Buffalo, New York

Brian J. Troy '67, Buffalo, New York

Josephine A. Seggio '71, Buffalo, New York

Susan W. Setel '75, Buffalo, New York

Kathleen A. Sullivan '77, New Haven, Connecticut

Earl F. Gialanella '87, Vestal, New York

Wendy Schuster '00 is practicing in the areas of corporation and real estate law. She is an associate in the firm *Paladino, Cavan & Quinlivan* in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Brian Seachrist '00 has accepted a position as assistant corporation counsel in City Hall for the City of Binghamton, N.Y., where he is also a resident.

Thomas J. Sheehan '00 practices in the area of civil litigation. He has accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine and Huber, L.L.P.*, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Conny Simonet '00 concentrates in the area of personal injury as an associate in the Buffalo firm *Altreuter, Habermehl & Callanan*. Simonet lives in Buffalo.

Jeffrey S. Snell '00 practices in the area of civil litigation in the Buffalo firm *Hagelin & Bischoff, L.L.C.* Snell recently accepted a position as an associate. He lives in Livonia, N.Y.

Jennifer Snyder '00 has accepted the position of appellate court attorney in the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Rochester, N.Y. Snyder resides in Buffalo.

Mark Spence '00 is an associate in the *Law Office of Christopher A. Spence, P.C.*, in Buffalo. He concentrates in the areas of civil litigation and personal injury. Spence lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Richard Staropoli '00 is the assistant public defender in the Monroe County public defender's office in Rochester, N.Y., where he is also a resident.



**Whitney
McKenna '00**

Anna Stern '00, a resident of New York City, is assistant appellate court attorney in the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, 2nd Department, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mary Jo Sullivan '00, formerly of Orchard Park, N.Y., is a legal honors intern for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C.

Wilfredo Tellado '00 is a union representative for *Service Employees International Union* in Buffalo. Tellado is a resident of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Alison Wagner '00 is director of league development for the *Arena Football League* in Chicago, where she also lives.

Andrew Zakrocki '00 has become an assistant district attorney in the New York County district attorney's office in New York City. Zakrocki is living in Astoria, N.Y.

Melissa Zittel '00 specializes in the area of medical malpractice and negligence. She is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Gibson, McAskill & Crosby*. Zittel lives in Eden, N.Y.